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SUMMARY  
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11. (C) PRESIDENT MUGABE'S NATIONAL HEROES' DAY ADDRESS TO A LARGE BUT LISTLESS CROWD AT HEROES' ACRE WAS DEFIANT IN TONE AND UNCHANGED IN SUBSTANCE. MUGABE LAMBASTED THE BRITISH FOR THEIR HISTORICAL SINS AND TOOK AIM AT THE U.S. OVER THE SENATE PASSAGE OF ZDERA. HE TALLIED UP FIGURES FOR LAND ACQUIRED AND PEOPLED RESETTLED IN THE FAST TRACK LAND PROGRAM AND WARNED COMMERCIAL FARMERS NOT TO RESIST. MUGABE CALLED ON COMMERCIAL FARMERS TO COOPERATE AND IMPLIED TROUBLE IF THEY DID NOT. IN FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS, UK HIGH COMMISSIONER DONNELLY TERMED THE ADDRESS "AN OLIVE BRANCH WITH THORNS." OTHER WESTERN DIPLOMATS WITH MORE SEASONING IN ZIMBABWE WONDERED IF THIS WERE NOT AN OVERLY OPTIMISTIC READ.

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THE ANGLO-SAXON CONSPIRACY  
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12. (SBU) A CROWD ESTIMATED BETWEEN 4,000 (OPPOSITION PRESS) AND 10,000 (GOVERNMENT PRESS) WERE TREATED TO AN HOUR AND TWENTY MINUTES OF PRESIDENTIAL RHETORIC ON AUGUST 11. A HEARTY LOOKING MUGABE, WHO DELIVERED HIS ADDRESS IN FIRM TONES, BEGAN WITH A CONDEMNATION OF WESTERN HYPOCRISY. HE ACCUSED THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD OF NOT RAISING A FINGER IN THE PAST AS THE "BRITISH RACIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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AUTOCRACY" BRUTALIZED AND TRAUMATIZED BLACK ZIMBABWEANS. HE ACCUSED THE COLONIALISTS OF PILLAGING THE COUNTRY'S MINERAL WEALTH AND FORCING THE ZIMBABWEANS TO WORK THE LAND "TO FEED THEIR (BRITISH) CHILDREN." HE ACCUSED UK, US, AND GERMAN MERCENARIES OF FIGHTING ON THE SIDE OF THE RHODESIANS DURING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE, USING NATO WEAPONS AGAINST THE POPULATION.

13. (SBU) MUGABE DELIVERED A DIATRIBE AGAINST THE AMERICAN SENATE AND CONGRESS, WHO HE STATED HAD NEVER CONSIDERED IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST THE UDI RHODESIANS. INSTEAD, THE U.S. HAD ASKED TO BE EXEMPTED FROM UN SANCTIONS IN ORDER TO BUY CHROME FROM THE IAN SMITH REGIME, REFUSING THE OPTION OF BUYING FROM THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH WAS "A FREE STATE AT THAT TIME." HE CHARGED THE SAME SENATORS OF WORKING WITH THE OPPOSITION TODAY ON THE "INFAMOUS ZDERA." HE ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT CRIME ZIMBABWE HAD COMMITTED TO CAUSE TALK OF SANCTIONS, THEN ANSWERED BY SAYING HOW DARE A BLACK GOVERNMENT WITH A WHITE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE THE KIN OF

THE GOD-CHOSEN ANGLO-SAXONS. THIS WAS SEEN AS PRACTICING TERRORISM AND AUTOCRACY.

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A WALLOW IN COLONIAL HISTORY  
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**14.** (SBU) MUGABE NEXT TOOK DIRECT AIM AT THE BRITISH, NOTING THAT VICE PRESIDENT MUZENDA HAD BEEN TORTURED WITH NEEDLES WHILE IN INCARCERATION. SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT MNANGAGWA WAS HARD OF HEARING DUE TO BEATINGS  
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PAGE 04 HARARE 02397 01 OF 02 141201Z FROM PRISON AUTHORITIES. MUGABE THEN READ FROM THE JOURNALS OF COLONIAL AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE 1897/1898 EXECUTION IN SALISBURY OF TWO MEN AND A WOMAN CONVICTED OF MURDERING AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER. HE CONTINUED BY CRITICIZING BRITISH REFUSAL TO RETURN THE HEAD OF AN EXECUTION VICTIM STILL HELD IN (THE) BRITISH MUSEUM. MUGABE DESCRIBED THE BURNING OF CROPS BY BRITISH SOLDIERS IN 1896/7 AND HOW INVADERS HAD CAUSED "ARTIFICIAL HUNGER."

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HOLDING FIRM ON LAND  
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**15.** (SBU) MUGABE SEGUED INTO THE LAND ISSUE, EMPHASIZING THAT "WE WILL NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE GOAL OF CONTROLLING THE LAND." HE REPEATED THE STANDARD LINE ON THE FAST TRACK PROGRAM, CALLING COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE UNFAIR, INEFFICIENT, AND NOT ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE. HE DENOUNCED "RACIAL, IMPERIALIST DOMINANCE" BUT NOTED THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT PARTS OF THE COMMERCIAL FARMERS UNION (CFU) HAD CHANGED THEIR HEARTS AND WANTED TO JOIN THE GOVERNMENT IN REFORM. THESE WERE

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WELCOME. IN THE PAST, HOWEVER, FARMERS HAD EMPLOYED  
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WILES AND SUBTERFUGE AND WORKED WITH THE "SO-CALLED"  
OPPOSITION TO EXTEND BRITISH HEGEMONY BY PROCURING UK  
MONEY FOR THE OPPOSITION.

**16.** (SBU) HE SPOKE DIRECTLY TO RECENT EVENTS IN CHINHOI, CHARGING THAT THE COMMERCIAL FARMERS HAD ORGANIZED TO ATTACK LANDLESS SETTLERS. HE STATED: "WE WARN THEM (FARMERS) TO DESIST." MUGABE SAID THAT WHITE FARMERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY BUT ONLY IF THEY OBEY THE LAW. HE SAID THAT THE GOZ WILL NOT BUDGE ON LAND REFORM, AND WILL PROCEED WITH THE REFORM PROGRAM WITH OR WITHOUT CFU COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS. MUGABE THEN READ A LIST OF THE NUMBER OF FARMS GAZETTED, ACREAGE TOTALS, AND PEOPLE RESETTLED.

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QUOTING HIMSELF ON RECONCILIATION  
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17. (C) MUGABE STRESSED THAT WHAT ANGERS AND DISTURBS THE CIO, POLICE, AND ZDF MOST IS THE FACT THAT THE FARMERS NOW PROVOKING INCIDENTS ARE THE SAME ONES WHO FOUGHT AGAINST THE CURRENT AUTHORITIES IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE. HE OBSERVED THAT IF HE HAD DONE AS THE MILITANTS HAD WANTED IN 1980, THE (FORMER RHODESIAN FIGHTERS) WOULD HAVE BEEN "DECAPITATED" AND WOULD NOT "BE WRIGGLING BACK TO LIFE AGAIN." HE SAID THAT WE (ZIMBABWEANS) WERE BETTER, MORE MORAL, AND HAD INSTEAD EXTENDED THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP AND RECONCILIATION. MUGABE QUOTED HIMSELF FROM 1980 ON BEATING SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES BEFORE CONCLUDING WITH SOME PORK BARREL

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POLITICS -- INCREASED SCHOOL (AND OTHER) ALLOWANCES FOR THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF HEROES -- AND A FINAL CONCLUDING SHOT AT ZDERA AND THE U.S.

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COMMENT  
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18. (C) MUGABE WAS IN FINE FETTLE, AND HIS PERFORMANCE -- DEMAGOGIC THOUGH IT OFTEN WAS -- PUTS TO REST FOR NOW TALK THAT HE IS TOTTERING ON THE BRINK OF PHYSICAL COLLAPSE. WESTERN DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED TO PAST PERFORMANCES NOTED THAT THERE WAS AN UNUSUALLY LARGE COMPONENT OF UNIFORMED MILITARY IN THE AUDIENCE THIS YEAR. THE CROWD CHEERED ON CUE, BUT THERE WAS A NOTABLE LACK OF ENTHUSIASM OVERALL.

19. (C) IN A FOLLOWING CONVERSATION, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER DONNELLY SPOKE ON THE CHINHOYI SITUATION AS WELL AS HIS TAKE ON THE SPEECH. HE SAID THAT THE CFU TEAM NEGOTIATING THE LAND ISSUE WITH THE GOZ HAD REPORTED A "GOOD" MEETING WITH MUGABE ON AUGUST 19, ALBEIT ONE THAT HAD BROUGHT NO BREAKTHROUGH. CONNELLY CALLED THE SPEECH AN "OLIVE BRANCH WITH THORNS." SEVERAL OF HIS WESTERN COUNTERPARTS WHO HAVE BEEN IN ZIMBABWE FOR LONGER PERIODS TOLD CHARGE THAT THEY HAD PERCEIVED MORE THORN THAN OLIVE BRANCH AND FELT THAT MUGABE'S POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED.

10. (C) THE SENATE'S PASSAGE OF ZDERA HAS CLEARLY CAUGHT MUGABE'S ATTENTION. DONNELLY OBSERVED THAT WHILE

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THE UK'S SINS HAD BEEN MOSTLY HISTORICAL THIS TIME AROUND, THE U.S. WAS NOW GRABBING TOP BILLING IN THE AREA OF CURRENT EVENTS.

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